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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
NASHVILLE DIVISION

Patrizia Riccardi,

Plaintiff,

v.

Robert Kessler,

Defendant

CASE NOS: 3:06-0605  
3:06-0615

MOTION TO RECUSE

Plaintiff, Dr. Patrizia Riccardi, *Pro Se*, respectfully moves this Court seeking the recusal of District Court Judge William Joseph Haynes, Jr. based on his long standing affiliation, as a law professor, with Vanderbilt University, which was once a party to this action, and is the current employer of Defendant Dr. Robert Kessler. Dr. Kessler, through his internationally recognized grant work in brain imaging, brings in millions of dollars in revenue to Vanderbilt. As such, Dr. Kessler is an important employee to Vanderbilt.

Judge Haynes is currently a Lecturer in Law at Vanderbilt Law School, and has a long history of employment by Vanderbilt University.<sup>1</sup> Judge Haynes' affiliation with Vanderbilt raises the appearance of partiality, and thus, pursuant to 28 USC § 455, Judge Haynes should recuse himself from hearing this case.

<sup>1</sup> See [http://www.tnmd.uscourts.gov/haynes\\_bio](http://www.tnmd.uscourts.gov/haynes_bio)

*ORDER*  
*Turn motion*  
*DENIED. The*  
*court no longer*  
*teaches at*  
*Vanderbilt*  
*and*  
*has not*  
*taught*  
*for years.*  
*Will*  
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